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Book Reviews

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY REGULATION AND MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP. By Don Lorenzo Stevens, M. B. A., Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass. 1918. pp. viii, 410.

A work of this size devoted entirely to a list of books and articles shows the tremendous development of this subject in recent years. Nearly every reference belongs to the present century—most of them to the last ten years. The popular scientific and technical magazines have been ransacked. The result is a great saving of time for one who wants to get all the material on the subject without the tedious work of searching the reference guides and the lesser known special bibliographies. The author usually gives some brief comment on the nature of the book or article. In some cases it would be of advantage to have the comment more full. The scope of the several technical works can usually be determined readily, but one has to read through the more general articles only to find that an old idea has been presented in slightly different language. There is so much that when it was written doubtless contributed to the information of the persons to whom it was addressed, but is merely cumulative so far as an investigator is concerned. Let us hope that the day of generalities is about over and the future discussions on this subject will give more of the laboriously accumulated facts and less theory.

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ELEMENTS OF WESTERN WATER LAW. Revised Edition. By A. E. Chandler. Technical Publishing Company, San Francisco, Cal. 1918. pp. 158.

The second edition of Mr. Chandler's excellent work will be welcomed by all those who are interested in problems of water law, particularly the administrative features of irrigation enterprises which are a most important recent development of the water law of the Western States. The title of the work gives an excellent idea of its scope. It does not pretend to deal with the subject in an exhaustive way. About one-third of the work is devoted to a general discussion of the riparian and appropriation doctrines. The balance of the work treats of the unique water codes adopted in the Western States and the legal phases of irrigation as carried on therein under the various state and federal enactments. For students interested in either the practical or legal aspects of irrigation this comprehensive and authoritative presentation is invaluable. Mr. Chandler has had special qualification for writing on this subject. As a graduate